

FAQs for New Applicants

How do I apply for a scholarship with Community Foundation of Henderson County?

Visit the CFHC scholarship page at <https://www.cfhcforever.org/scholarships> to complete an online application. Choose **Search & Apply** to access the application. Create a login account using a valid email address. **Save your username and password.** School counselors are available to guide you through this process as well. During your application process, SAVE and continue your application until all sections are 100% complete and final submission is made. Print a copy of your application. **If you do not receive a confirmation email for final submission before the January 31 deadline, your application is not complete and you will not be considered for a scholarship award.**

What is the most important information to include on the application?

A valid email address that you will check often and a valid mailing address. Without these two pieces of information, we are unable to contact you for an interview or send you scholarship notifications. If you are assigned a new email address for your school, please notify us immediately or you will not receive renewals notifications and other important scholarship information.

What documentation will I need to complete a scholarship application?

- Academic transcript for the last year of school attended.
- FAFSA form **if** applying for a financial need based scholarship.
- Recommendation letter if the scholarship requires one or you choose to include one.
- Biographical statement 600 words or less
- SAT and/or ACT score

What information is best to include in my biographical statement?

Since you only have 600 words, be descriptive and concise. Tell why you are motivated to continue your education, why you chose a particular field of study, if you have future career plans, and/or how volunteer work may have influenced your choice continue your education. Composing your biographical statement in a Word document where you can see the word count will help guide you. Then, you can simply upload the statement to your application. Save this statement. You may find it helpful to use for other scholarship applications.

Who is eligible to apply for a scholarship award?

High school seniors in Henderson, Buncombe and Transylvania Counties are primary candidates. There are also many scholarship available for returning adult education students and non-U.S. citizens.

When and how will I be notified for an interview?

Applicants are notified by email of their specific interview appointment in late March.

When and how do I know if I am awarded a scholarship?

For high school students: A representative from Community Foundation of Henderson County will attend your high school awards ceremony and present each award. You will then be sent an email to confirm your acceptance of the scholarship award.

For college students or returning adult education students: An email will be sent to you along with a link for you to confirm award acceptance.

If I plan to study abroad or to intern, are there special instructions to maintain my award?

Yes. You will need to call the CFHC office and speak with a scholarship representative. Study abroad programs and internships must be affiliated with your school, where payment is sent. You will need to verify that your study abroad semester or internship will count as full-time status.

If I change schools, does that affect my scholarship award?

Yes, if your scholarship requires you to attend a particular school or school system.

Yes, if your scholarship is field specific and you change your field of study.

No, if your scholarship has no limitations.

AND, you are required to submit new contact information to Community Foundation in order to route your payment and receive alerts from us. If we cannot reach you, your award may be cancelled.

- Update your mailing address
- Update your email address
- Submit your new school information and financial aid office contact information
- Verify your field of study

Can I lose my scholarship award?

Yes. Scholarship awards may be withdrawn if:

- you do not study the stated major as required by your scholarship(s)
- your award is not claimed within a reasonable time (30 days after a semester or term begins)
- it becomes evident you no longer meet the qualifications as a scholarship recipient
- you are not maintaining the minimum grade point average
- if funds are no longer available

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (828) 697-6224 or WHamil@CFHCforever.org.

All the best to each candidate,



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